



Assessment & Accountability Newsletter

Wednesday, September 19, 2018

Our next Assessment & Accountability Newsletter will be October 3.

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EDMODO

[EDMODO](#) has expanded to include new small groups within our own network group so topics can be easily sorted by specific assessments – all under the same account. Look for **Idaho State Department of Education Assessment and Accountability Networking Group 2018-2019**. **New code: 7zzfcs.**

ACCOUNTABILITY

Cohort Graduation Rate

View your cohort members and their graduation status on the [Cohort Grad Rate Preview Application](#). Please submit supporting documentation whenever a high school student transfers out of your school.

Test Security

Read the updated [Assessment Integrity Guide](#) and sign the [Assessment Confidentiality Agreement](#) form before starting secure assessments.

If you have any questions, please email [Ayaka Nukui](#) or call her at (208) 332-6926.
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IDAHO READING INDICATOR

Fall IRI testing window

The fall IRI testing window is **August 20 - September 28**. You have a week and a half before the close of the window. Please make sure all students have completed testing.

Register now for Fall IRI Training with Istation

Training will focus on analyzing student assessment results, using the available reports to inform classroom instruction. If you are unsure if your district has been registered, please reach out to your District IRI Implementation Coordinator because invitations were sent August 14 to District IRI Implementation Coordinators with registration links. Registration for training closes one week prior to each training:

- Region 2: Thursday, 9/27, Lewiston
- Region 1: Friday, 9/28, Coeur d'Alene
- Region 6: Monday, 10/8, Idaho Falls
- Region 5: Tuesday, 10/9, Pocatello
- Region 4: Wednesday, 10/10, Twin Falls
- Region 3: Thursday, 10/11, Boise
- Region 3: Friday, 10/12, Boise

LITERACY REMINDER

Comprehensive Literacy Plans due to the State Board of Education by **October 1!** Please contact [Alison Henken](#) for more information at 208-332-1579.

SCIENCE

Help us develop Idaho's new science assessment!

Applications are being accepted from science teachers, special education teachers and English Language learner teachers, curriculum specialists and higher education faculty for review of content and fairness of **new science assessment items aligned to the new science standards** in December.

The Content Advisory Committee will meet December 3-5 Fairness Committee will meet December 6-7. If you would like to be considered for **one or both** of these item review committees, please submit your application no later than *Friday, October 12*, using the [online application link](#).

The SDE will select participants from the pool to ensure diverse, balanced committees representing educators and stakeholders across the state. The SDE will cover all travel related expenses (hotel, miles/airfare, meals) and will cover substitute teachers up to \$70 per day for selected committee members. Committee members will be notified by the week of October 29.

For more information, contact [Heidi Arrate](#) or call her at (208) 332-6909.

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IDAHO ALTERNATE ASSESSMENT

IDAA Content Advisory Committee Members Needed

We are excited to announce that applications are being accepted from special education teachers with experience administering the Idaho Alternate Assessment (IDAA) and general education teachers to serve on content advisory committees in ELA and math. We need special and general education teachers from all grade levels. The committees will meet October 9-11, 2018.

Teachers serving on these committees will be reviewing newly developed items for the IDAA with two purposes in mind:

- To ensure items align with the newly adopted Extended Content Standards in ELA and math.
- To ensure items are appropriate for students with the most significant cognitive impairments.

If you would like to be considered for one of the IDAA Content Advisory Committees (ELA or

math), please submit your application no later than **Friday, September 28**, using the online [IDAA Content Advisory Committee Recruitment](#) form.

After submitting your online application form, you will be entered into a pool of possible participants for the committees you have indicated on the application form. The Idaho State Department of Education will select participants from the pool to ensure diverse, balanced committees representing educators and stakeholders across the state. If selected, you will receive a separate confirmation notice via email on October 1 with specific committee assignments and additional information.

The IDAA Content Advisory Committee in ELA and math will meet October 9-11. Each participant selected will be expected to attend the duration of the committee meetings. The SDE will cover all travel related expenses (hotel, miles/airfare, meals) and will cover substitute teachers up to \$70 per day for selected committee members.

If you have any questions about alternate assessments, please email [Karren Streagle](#) or call her at (208) 332-6824.

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COLLEGE ENTRANCE EXAMS

PSAT/NMSQT School Day: October 10, Alternate Test Date October 24.

This is an optional assessment for 10th graders with the state paying for all public high school sophomores who participate.

PSAT Key Dates:

- **September 20:** Bulk Registration final call. No late submissions accepted past September 20.
- **Registration Tips:**
 1. Districts with more than one school: include all students for all schools, ensure they are assigned to appropriate AI Code of their school.
 2. Include a Y for the PSAT/NMSQT test, same for grades 10 and 11.
 3. Include state EDU ID in student ID field.
 4. Birthdate: MMDDYYYY.
- **September 24-28:** Test materials arrive in school if submitted bulk registration file by **September 13**. Otherwise, should arrive a week before the test date.

- **Important clarification:** The bulk registration DOES not equate test material ordering. Test material ordering must be done separately in the PSAT ordering system, and completed at a school level.

Consider attending a College Board Counselor Workshop: Free and coming soon!

Please share widely to new counselors, one location remains. Pre-registration for the event has closed but anyone still interested in attending can do so by arriving early and following the instructions on the check-in sheet to register and check in on-site.

[GONZAGA UNIVERSITY - SPOKANE, WA - Tuesday, September 25, 2018](#)

ENGLISH LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY

WIDA assessments

- [WIDA has a new website address.](#)
- The 2018-2019 ACCESS Test Administration Manuals and District Test Coordinator Manuals are now available in the WIDA download library.
- The Accessibility and Accommodations supplement is now in the resource library off the WIDA website.

State Specific Guidance, Upcoming Professional Development:

Training and certification

- Re-certification is not required for WIDA Screener if completed last year.
- ACCESS 2.0 certification will be required this school year, even if completed last year.
- If you are a new staff member, certification for any assessment including Screener must be completed prior to administering.

Helpful resources:

- [Quick Guide to Screener Online](#)
- [Technology Readiness for WIDA Assessments](#)
- [WIDA Screener Resources](#) (right hand column of this page are Free Webinars/Trainings on Screener)

New to your role or wanting a refresh on EL processes including assessment?

Consider joining one or several boot camp webinars hosted by our English Language Department:

[EL Boot Camp Registration](#)

If you have questions, please contact [Melanie Jones](#) or call her at (208) 332-6933.

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REMINDER: REGISTER FOR MYNAEP

This is another reminder for schools who are participating in the NAEP. Please check your emails, I sent out an email on September 6 and one before it on August 24. Only one-third of the notified schools have registered for the NAEP. If you received a NAEP email from me, it means students at your school were chosen to represent hundreds of others just like them. Both emails contain instructions to register in an attachment and the registration ID in the body of the email.

This process is simple and does not take much time. To further ease the work load, principals typically select a school coordinator to help with NAEP who is comfortable using a computer and finding student demographic information. The NAEP is important for Idahoans so we can understand how changes in education affect Idaho students. Parents, policymakers, and teachers all look at NAEP results. It is important to encourage participation at every level, principals, teachers, and students. I continually update information on the Idaho State Department of Education website to encourage NAEP education. Please see the [National & International](#) section of the [Assessment & Accountability](#) webpage.

If you have any questions, please email [Paul Kleinert](#) or call him at (208) 332-6957.

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OCTOBER'S MONTHLY ASSESSMENT & ACCOUNTABILITY WEBINAR

The next webinar of the 2018-2019 school year will be Wednesday, **October 10**, at **10:00 AM MST**. Join us to hear timely updates from the SDE Assessment and Accountability team concerning important deadlines and updates or changes that you'll want to know.

Here are the links for webinars scheduled through June. Go ahead and register for all nine now, so they will be on your calendar. For previous webinars, including September's, please visit the [Resource Center for Assessment and Accountability](#).

[October 10](#)

[November 14](#)

[December 12](#)

[January 9](#)

[February 13](#)

[March 13](#)

[April 10](#)
[May 8](#)
[June 12](#)

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If you have any questions, please contact [Vickie Holbrook](#) or call her at (208) 332-6877.
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